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TROUT IN RIVER ARE NOT DYING

REPORT PUBLISHED IN DETROIT
NEWSPAPER NOT TRUE.

A report was published in one of the Detroit newspapers recently stating that trout were dying in large numbers in the AuSable river, giving the reason that the temperature of the water had reached 76, which is reported to be fatal to trout.

Since reading the article we have made considerable inquiry regarding the merits of it and find that it is not sustained in any quarters we have been able to reach. Guides working on the river and fishermen who have spent considerable time on the streams during the recent hot spells claim that they have seen no evidence whatsoever to indicate that fish are dying. An occasional dead fish is found which, it is quite conclusive, came to its death because of being hooked and injured.

The AuSable river is spring fed, its water is swift flowing and is one of the coolest streams anywhere in this latitude. Hundreds of cold springs find their resting places in the AuSable, and the water most of the time is too cool for comfortable bathing. There is a very remote chance for the water of the AuSable river ever reaching a temperature that will cause fish to die.

Another story that is reported to have been started by an ex-state fish commissioner, whose name we did not learn, is that there are being planted in the AuSable river 38 million fingerlings this year, and that if nothing happens to the fish in another four years the river will have so many trout that there will not be enough water for them to swim in. Now, that is some story, isn't it? Especially coming, as is claimed from an ex-state fish commissioner.

This year there have been hatched in Michigan hatcheries a total of 14 million trout and these are distributed to all the streams of the state, the AuSable, getting its share with the rest.

The Grayling fish hatchery hatches more trout than any other hatchery in the state. Most of those are planted in nearby streams, from Mackinaw to Bay City. In the year 1920 this hatchery hatched about 3,400,000 trout fry. Out of this number 140,000 were planted in the Main stream of the AuSable; the North Branch had 120,000, the South Branch 100,000; the East Branch 50,000. We doubt if there are any trout planted in these streams other than those hatched in the Grayling hatchery and may easily find that instead

of 38,000,000 fingerlings being planted each year, there were less than 410,000 planted last year. This year the output of the local hatchery will about equal that of last season.

The ridiculousness of these two claims are too absurd to require explanation, and we really feel humiliated in doing so, but the wide publicity that has been given them thru the State press seems to demand some reiteration.

JUSTICE COURT HAD BUSY WEEK

MOONSHINERS, DRUNKS AND
SPEEDERS ANSWER LAW
DEMANDS.

This seems to have been a busy week for the county officers and the justice court. A still was raided; one man fined for driving a car while intoxicated; speeder paid fine and booze peddler bound over to circuit court for trial.

Last Sunday night Sheriff E. P. Richardson went to the home of O. M. Turner at T-Town and captured a still and a quantity of mash. Mr. Turner was arrested and bound over to circuit court for trial.

John Nephew pleaded guilty to a charge of driving an auto while intoxicated and paid a fine to Justice Kraus of \$50.00 and costs. Mike Brenner was the officer who made the arrest Sunday night.

Also Undersheriff L. J. Kraus arrested Robt. Shelds of Detroit Sunday night for speeding. The latter pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$15.00 and costs.

Joe Jerrett of Fayette came into the clutches of Undersheriff Kraus when he was found to have suit case full of booze. He was bound over to the circuit court for trial.

WOMANS CLUB TO GIVE LAWN FETE.

Thursday Evening, July 28, on the Joseph-Kraus Lawns.

Don't forget the lawn fete to be given on the Joseph-Kraus lawns.

Thursday evening, July 28.

There will be some talent vanu-

ville, costume dancing and many other attractions, besides the Lewis Or-

chestra. There will be an admission charge of 25¢ for adults and 15¢ for children. Those desiring tables will be charged 25¢ per couple. Reserva-

tions may be made with Mrs. Olaf

Michelson and at Lewis' Drug store.

There will be plenty of comfortable seats free for those not wanting tables.

The gate will open at 8:00 o'clock.

Everybody welcome. The proceeds of

the fete will go into the civic fund of

the Womans club.

RECREATION CLUB FOR NORTH BRANCH

BAY CITY BUSINESS MEN BUY
SITE ON AUSSABLE RIVER;
WILL INCORPORATE.

At a recent meeting of several of

the city's business men it was decided that a sporting club be organized and articles of incorporation for the Au-

Sable Recreation club, comprised to-

to-tally of Bay Cityans have been tendered to the secretary of state at Lansing and an early reply to request is

expected. Plans are to have club incor-

porated at \$2,500, divided into 25

shares and the membership limited to

25 men, each of whom is to own one

share of the stock and no more.

At the present time 24 men have signed.

A party of the new members will go to

the site of the new camp, which is on

the north branch of the AuSable, by

automobile Saturday and will then

decide upon which side of the river the

new-main club house for the newly

formulated club will be situated.

The river runs through the 40 acres of

land that the club has acquired for its

sites and it is not known definitely as

yet where the club house, which is to

be built at a somewhat later date, will

be erected. Together with the privi-

leges of the club, goes a plot of land to

each of the 25 members on the river bank,

suitable for the erection of a

summer cottage. Many of the mem-

bers have already declared their intention

to build summer cottages at

the new grounds, it is said.

When the men return from this

week-end trip to the new site, a meet-

ing of the members will be called and a

board of directors elected who in

turn will elect officers for the coming year.

The men who signed the articles of

incorporation were Lovell U. Grant,

Joseph C. Hirschfeld, Fred C. West-

over, Miller Ross, Leonard Eichorn,

William J. Lambert, William Bouteil,

Dr. J. C. Grosjean, James C. McCabe,

M. A. Schindelhauer, Harry L. Peas-

sell, LeRoy Clapp, W. H. Reid, Will-

iam P. Kavanaugh, Adam Schepper,

Lewis J. Weddock, J. Whitfield Pear-

son, Jack Coryell, E. E. Manassa,

Adolph Mueller, David S. Betong,

Adam Angstmann and Frank Debolt.

— Bay City.

PROPERTY OWNERS MUST CUT
WEEDS.

I wish to call the attention of

property owners that all noxious

weeds on their premises must be cut

at once. Special care should be given

to the destroying of rag weeds.

Please get busy and get this done.

Julius Nelson, St. Com.

QUICK VERDICT FREES HIGGINS

JURORS DELIBERATE LESS THAN
TWO HOURS IN SENSATIONAL
MURDER CASE.

23-DAYS-TAKEN UP FOR TRIAL

Judge Instructs Jury to Vote Ac-
quittal or Conviction of First
Degree Murder.

Corunna, Mich.—Forrest Higgins was acquitted in circuit court here of the murder of his sweetheart, Lucy Witnum, in a lonely woods near here last March. The speedy verdict surprised those who had been following the case and the court was almost empty. Ten minutes after the finding of the jury, on its second ballot, about two hours after being locked up, Higgins was on his way home.

Only his brother was in court with him; his father, fearing the strain on his mother, having accompanied her home more than an hour before.

Members of the Witnum family were in court and all concealed their disappointment. Higgins at first seemed speechless, but in a few minutes recovered himself and thanked the jurors. The first vote of the jury was 10 to 2 for acquittal and after luncheon, a second vote was unanimous.

The 23-day trial came to an end July 18 when Judge Collins, following a day of argument, charged the jury at 6:30 o'clock.

The jurors were told by Judge Col-

lins only two verdicts were possible

either an acquittal or conviction of

first degree murder. They were

warned not to let prejudice enter into

their deliberations, the court taking

pains to explain that Higgins was on

trial for murder, not for leaving the

girl, if her death was suicidal. Jurors

were told they must not consider an

element in the case the finding of

a revolver in Higgins' automobile

and that every link in the chain of

circumstantial evidence must be con-

sidered complete for a conviction.

The court room was crowded dur-

ing the afternoon session, spectators

even hanging to the window sills and

radiators. One woman found what

she considered a point of vantage

back of the judge's bench.

FORD REDUCES FREIGHT RATES

D. T. & I. Railroad Will Make Hauls

at 20 Per Cent Cut.

Columbus, O.—The Detroit, Toledo & Ironton railroad, controlled by

Henry Ford, Detroit automobile man-

ufacturer, has filed with the Ohio

state public utilities commission a

new schedule of freight rates provid-

ing for a 20 per cent reduction from

present rates between points on the

line.

The new schedule is to become ef-

fective August 20. The new schedule

for local point shipments, applies to

all points throughout the system from

Ironton, O., on the Ohio river to

Dearborn, Mich.

This is the first Ohio railroad, and

believed to be one of the first in the

country to announce a voluntary re-

duction in freight rates.

CONFESSES THEFT OF \$150,000

Comptroller for Packing Company

Held Under \$25,000 Bail.

Austin, Minn.—R. J. (Cy) Thomson,

comptroller of George A. Hormel & Co., packers, was placed in the county

jail July 18 after his arrest on a war-

rant charging grand larceny in con-

nection with alleged misappropriation

of a check for \$10,000. Thomson has

confessed that he embezzled more

than \$150,000 of the company's funds.

Thomson was arrested on a war-

rant signed by H. A. Corey, head of

the employment department of the

company. The warrant charged Thom-

WRECKERS

FRANCIS LYNDE

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"IT'S THEM H—L FIRED WRECKERS AGAIN!"

Synopsis.—Graham Norcross, railroad manager, and his secretary, Jimmy Dodds, are marooned at Sand Creek siding with a young lady, Sheila Macrae, and her small cousin, Maisie Ann. Unless they witness a peculiar train hold-up, they will be marooned forever. Now, the secret is out. Jimmy Dodds, the financial magnate, whom he was to meet at Portal City, has been kidnapped and affects his escape. He and Dodds rescue Chadwick. The latter offers Norcross the management of the Pioneer Short Line, which is in the hands of eastern speculators, headed by Breckinridge Dunton, president of the line. Norcross, learning that Sheila Macrae is stopping a Portal City, accepts. Dodds' overhasty conversation between Ruth Hatch and Francis Hendrick, Portal City managers, in which he reveals his plan to keep Chadwick from attending a meeting of directors to reorganize the Pioneer Short Line, which would jeopardize their interests. To curb the monopoly controlled by Hatch and Hendrick, the Red Tower corporation, Norcross forms the Citizens' Storage and Warehouse company. He begins to manifest a deep interest in Sheila Macrae. Dodds doesn't know this. The boss disappears; reports that he has been kidnapped and affects his escape. Norcross resumes control of the Pioneer Short Line, refusing to give place to Dismiss, whom Dunton has sent to take charge as general manager. Jimmie follows an emissary of the Red Tower people, spying on Norcross, to a coal yard, where he overhears a plot to arrest the boss on a murder charge. At the home of Sheila Macrae, Dodds is witness of strange actions of a man who is not recognized as Hodges. Collier, the chief of the Red Tower people, is about to cause a sleep to the boss. During night-dispatcher, route passenger and freight trains to meet on a single track. Disaster is narrowly averted. Durbin commits suicide, leaving evidence that he was bribed to bring about collusion.

CHAPTER XIII

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What the Pilot Engine Found

For a time after the suicide of the off-track-dispatcher the wreck epidemic paused. Acting upon Mr. Norcross' suggestion, Mr. Van Britt called his trainmen, in a crew at a time, and after giving them the straight tip, and after

coupled, and asked what the mine owners wanted. Daws said they wanted help; that they were going to hold a mass meeting in Strattonia the following morning at nine o'clock. Would, or wouldn't it, be possible for Mr. Norcross to be present at that meeting?

Of course, the boss said he'd go. Daws went away, and before we broke off to go to dinner at the railroad club, I was given a memorandum order for a special.

At the club I found that Mr. Norcross had an invited guest—Major Hendrick. For a week or two Mrs. Sheila had been visiting at the state capital, and the major's wife and his good old major were with her. So the good old major was sort of unattached, and glad enough, I took it, to be a guest at anybody's table.

For a while the talk-table—in which, of course, Jimmie Dodds hadn't any part whatever—circled around the late landslide election, and what Governor Powell's party would do now that it had the say-so. But by and by it got around to the railroad situation. "You're putting up a mighty good fight, Graham, my son, but it isn't over yet—not by a joyful, suh!"—this isn't just the way the major said it.

In another field and this time under Ripley's instructions, our ex-cowpuncher had been able to set up another trap. By diligent search he had found the man Murphy, the Chapman henchman, who, under pressure, had given away the Timber Mountain plot which had climaxed in the kidnapping of the boss. This man had been deliberately shot in a bar-room brawl and left for dead. But he had crawled away and had got out of town to live and recover at a distant cattle ranch in the timber hills.

When Tarbell discovered him he had cut out the booze, had grown a beard, and was thirsting for vengeance. Tarbell brought him back to Portal City, and presently there began to be developments. Murphy knew all the ropes. In a little time, Ripley, with Tarbell's help, was landed for hearing. One chilly October afternoon the lawyer came down to our office to tell Mr. Norcross that the game was cornered.

"All you have to do now is to give the word," was the way Ripley would say. "You refused to do it on a former occasion, because we couldn't get the man higher up. This time we can nail Chapman, and a good few of the political gangsters and bosses in the other towns along the line. What do you say?"

The boss looked up with the little horse-shoe frown wrinkling between his eyes.

"Can we get Hatch and Henckel?"

"No, not yet."

"Very well; then you may lock those papers up in your safe and we'll wait. When you can see your way clear to a criminal trial with Rufus Hatch and Gustave Henckel in the prisoner's dock, we'll start the legal machinery, but not before."

By now we were right on the eve of the state election. As far as anybody could see, the railroad had stayed free and clear of the political fight. The boss had kept his promise to maintain neutrality and was still keeping it.

At the appointed time the big day dawned, and the political wind-up held the center of the stage. So far as we were concerned, it passed off very quietly. Along in the afternoon the newspaper offices began to put out bulletins, and by evening the result was no longer doubtful. For the first time in years the power of the political machine had been smashed decisively at the polls, and on the following morning the Mountaineer announced the election of Governor Burrell, with a safe working majority in both houses of the legislature for the Independents.

It was on the third day after the election, rather late in the afternoon, that the boss had a call from a mining promoter named Daws, representing a bunch of mine owners at Strattonia who were having trouble with miners. The smelter, one of the few mining monopolies which hadn't been widely loosed as yet, was located in the mountains, six miles below Strattonia, and it was served exclusively by its own little railroad, which it was never too far to pay an excessive charge out of the mine owners' pockets. Mr. Norcross try to do something, but he was too far along to do anything he

I don't know what the major was going to say to this abrupt break-away: the after-dinner social cigar was a sort of religious ceremony with him. But whatever he was going to say, he didn't say it, for at that moment a telegraph boy came in and handed him a message. He put on his other glasses and read the telegram, with his big goatee looking more than ever like a digger and the fierce white mustaches twitching. At the end of things he folded the message and put it into his pocket, saying, sort of soberly:

"Graham, there are times when Sheila's intuitions are mighty near uncanny; they are, for a fact, such. This wire is from her. What do you suppose it says?"

"Of course, the boss said he couldn't suppose anything about it, and the major went on.

"She tells me, in a few words, not to let you go to Strattonia tonight. Now what do you make of that? How on top of God's green earth did she know, away off yonder at the capital, that you were meaning to go to Strattonia tonight?"

Mr. Norcross shook his head. Then he said: "There are wires—both kinds—though I don't know why anybody should telegraph or telephone the capital that I expect to attend a mine-owners' meeting tomorrow morning in the big gold camp. That's why I'm going, you know."

"But this warning," the major insisted. "There's a reason for it, Graham, as sure as you are bawn!"

Again the boss shook his head.

"Between you two, you and Sheila, I'm due to acquire a case of nerves. I don't know what she has heard, but I can't afford to dodge a business appointment. Sheila has merely overheard an echo of the threats that are constantly being made by the Hatch sympathizers. It's the aftermath of the election, but it's all talk. They're down and out, and they haven't the nerve to strike back, now."

That ended matters at the club, and the boss and I walked down to the headquarters. The special, with Buck Chandler was waiting, and at the last minute I thought I wasn't going to get to go.

"There's no need of your putting in a night on the road, Jimmie," said the boss, with the kindly thought for other people's comfort that never failed him. But after I had begged a little telling him that he'd need somebody to take notes in the mine meeting, he said, "All right," and we got aboard and gave the word to Macrise, the conductor, to get his clearance and go.

A few minutes later we pulled out and the night run was begun. Like every other car the boss had ever owned, the "05" was fitted up as a working office, and since he had gone along, he opened up a lot of claim papers upon which the legal department was giving him the final say-so, and we went to work.

For the next two hours I was so busy that I didn't know when we passed the various stations. At half-past nine Mr. Norcross snapped a rubber band over the last of the chain files, lighted a pipe, and told me I might go to bed if I wanted to, said that he was going himself after he'd had a smoke. Just then Chandler whistled for a station, and looking out of a window, I saw that we were pulling into Bauxite, the little wind-blown junction from which the Strattonia branch led away into the northern mountains.

Wanting a bite of fresh air before turning in, I got off when we made the stop and strolled up to the engine. Macrise was in the office, getting orders for the branch, and Chandler was squatting in the gangway of the 815 and waiting. Up ahead of us, and too far away for me to read the number on her tender, there was a light engine. I thought at first it was the pusher which was kept at Bauxite to help heavy freights up the branch grades, and I wondered what we were stopping. I didn't say anything about the rail break, but he did ask, sort of sharp and quick, what engine that was up ahead.

I don't know what Macrise told him. Chandler turned to go back to his engine, and the rest of us were moving along the other way, the boss setting the pace with Macrise at his elbow. Three rail-lengths ahead of the engine we came to the break.

The head engineer and another man were down on their hands and knees examining it, and when they stood up at our coming, I saw that the other man was Mr. Van Britt.

"What?" said the boss; "you here?"

"Our only millionaire nodded."

"I ride the line once in a while—just to see how things are going," he returned crisply.

The boss didn't say anything more, but he knelt to look at the break. It was a trap, all right, set, beyond all question of doubt, to catch the private-car special. The fish-plates had been removed from a joint in the left-hand rail and the end of the down-hill rail had been sprung out to make a derailing switch, which was held in position by the insertion of one of the fish-plates between the rail-webs.

Under Mr. Van Britt's directions the engineer and fireman of the pilot engine brought tools and the break was repaired.

While they were doing it the boss stood aside with Mr. Van Britt, and I heard what was said. Mr. Van Britt began it by saying, "We don't need any detectives this time. You are on your way to Strattonia to put a clamp in the smelter squeeze—the last of the Red Tower monopolies—so Daws told me. He was probably foolish enough to tell others, and the word was passed to scrag you before you could get to it. This trap was set to catch your special."

"Evidently," harked the boss; and then: "How did you happen to be here on that engine, Upton?"

"I've been ahead of you all the way up from Portal City," was the calm reply. "I thought it might be safer if you had a pilot to show you the way, I guess I must have had a chance."

The boss turned on him like a flash. "You had something more than a hunch: what was it—a wire?"

Mr. Van Britt gritted his teeth a little, but he told the truth.

"Yes; a friend of ours tipped me off—not about the broken track, of course, but just in a general way."

The break was repaired and the men were taking the tools back to the engine. As we turned to follow them, Mr. Norcross said: "Just one more question. Did your wife come from the capital?"

But at this Mr. Van Britt seemed to forget that he was talking to his railroad manager.

"It's none of your d— business where it came from," he snapped back; where it came from.

Notwithstanding the slow run and the near-dismal weather on Bauxite mountain, we had our meeting with the Strattonia mine owners the following morn-

ing; and that much of the special trip served its purpose, anyway. The boss met the miners a good bit more than halfway, and gave them their relief—and the Hatch-smelter its knock-out by promising that our traffic department would make an effort to the independent smelter on the other side of the range low enough to protect the producers.

It was nearly three o'clock in the afternoon before we got away for the return to Portal City.

We had seen nothing of Mr. Van Britt during the day, and until we came to start out I thought maybe he had gone back to Portal City on the regular train. But at the station I saw the pilot engine just ahead of us again, and though I couldn't be quite sure, I thought I caught a glimpse of our athletic little general superintendent on the fireman's box.

While I was rubbing my eyes, the eight-wheeler gave another little jerk, and I saw that Chandler was slowing for a stop; saw this and got a glimpse of somebody on the track ahead, flagging us down with a lantern.

A minute later the brakes had been set and Buck and I were off. As we swung down from the engine back, Macrise joined us, and we went to

We Went to Meet the Man with the Lantern.

Just as the way seemed to be opening out to better things for the Short Line, a mis-set switch, or a bullet in the dark would knock the entire half-built reform experiment into a cocked hat.

There was every reason, now, to hope that the experiment was going to be a success, at least, at our end of it, if it could go on just a little farther. Slowly but surely the new policy was winning its way with the public. Traffic was booming, and almost from the first the Interstate Commerce inspectors had left us alone, to the letter, would have left the railroad management with little to do but to pay the bills, for these something better was to be substituted. We had Governor-elect Burrell's assurance for this. He had met the boss in the lobby of the Bulfard the day after the election, and I had heard him say:

"You have kept your promise, Norcross. For the first time in its history, your railroad has let a state campaign take its course without bullying, bribery, or underhanded corruption. You'll get your reward. We are going to have new laws, and a railroad commission with authority to set new rules—for the people when it's needed, and for the carriers when they need it. If you can show that the present laws are unjust to your earning powers, you'll get relief and the people of this Commonwealth will cheerfully pay the bills."

Post all this though, and even past the murderous machinations of the railroad management, there was the old sore: the original smelter that no amount of internal reform could break down. There could be no permanent prosperity for the Short Line while its majority stock was controlled by men who cared absolutely nothing for the property as a working factor in the life and activities of the region. It served.

That was the way Mrs. Sheila had put it to the boss, one evening along in the summer when they were sitting out on the Kendricks' porch, and I had butted in, as usual, with a bunch of telegrams that didn't matter. She had said that the experiment couldn't be a success unless the conditions could be changed in some way; that so long as the railroads were owned or controlled by men of the Mr. Dunton sort and used as counters in the money-making game, there would never be any real peace between the companies and the people at large.

It was at Bruxite Junction that we picked up Mr. Hornack. I was glad when I saw him come in. I had just been thinking that it wasn't healthy

prospects that he was soon able to prepare an expedition of many hundreds of settlers, including his wife and her three brothers. In the party were also two sailors, afterward known to fame as connected with the discovery of Australia—Fernandez de Quiros and Fausto de Torres.

The expedition failed through sickness and bad management; in fact, it never reached the Solomons at all, but instead—owing to faulty navigation—arrived at the northern islands of the New Hebrides group. Here after a few months, Mendana died, a disappointed and broken-hearted man.

GREAT TUN OF HEIDELBERG. On retiring gently rub spots of dandruff and itching with Cuticura Ointment. Next morning wash with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Make them your everyday toilet preparations and have a clear skin and soft, white hands.

The House of Lights. The vast hall was a blaze of dazzling lights. From the center of the ceiling, almost touching the heads of the ghosts, hung a magnificent chandelier, mounted like a huge rose, radiating a hundred gleaming electric bulbs which cast a wondrous radiance over the great assembly. Every niche in the ornate walls had a gloaming bulb and every alcove was a miniature of light! It was magnificent!

At this point the struggling author dropped his pen and called out to his wife: "Ruth, for goodness' sake bring me another candle!"

Not Then. Mrs. Eye—Misery has company, you know.

Mrs. Eye. Not always, my dear, I guess you never had an eye right when company called and stayed three mortal hours.

Significant Activities. That young man seems to have made a hit with your parents."

"Yes, I judge he has. He's investigating his family tree and pa's looking up his commercial standing."

Practical. "They married for love?" "Yes."

"And now she's suing him for divorce?" "Yes. Discovered that she had to have something to eat as well."

Better Than Medicine. Edith couldn't have thought much of the man she married."

"Why not?" "She boasts that she has made another man of him."

should have heard the thing that Mr. Hornack said when he went on.

"I heard something the other day in Portal City that seems pretty hard to believe. Norcross. It was at one of Mrs. Singford's evenings, and I was sitting out a dance with a certain young woman who shall be nameless. We were speaking of the Kendricks, and she gave me a rather broad hint that Mrs. Macrae isn't a widow at all; that her husband is still living."

"My heavens! I had figured out a thousand ways in which the boss might get mixed up to the dreadful truth, but never anything like this; to have it dropped on him that way out of a clear sky!"

For a minute or two he didn't say anything, but when he did speak, I saw that the truth wasn't going to take hold.

"That is gospin, pure and simple. Hornack. The Kendricks are my friends and I have been as intimate in their household as any outsider could be. It's merely idle gossip, I can assure you."

"Maybe so," said Mr. Hornack, sort of drawing pains in my stomach that were almost unbearable, and I suffered no end of distress from gas and bloating. Why, I was actually starting to keep from being in such awful misery, and I lost thirteen pounds in weight. Sometimes I wonder how I lived through it all, and I just thought there was no hope for me. I was restless night and day and was easily irritated, and some nights I slept so little it didn't seem that I had been to bed at all."

"But now I feel as strong and well as I had never been sick a day in my life, and I just know Taulac is the best medicine in the world. I haven't a touch of indigestion now, and every time I sit down to the table I can't help but feel thankful to Taulac. I have a wonderful appetite, or 'tis ridiculous to suppose that any woman, and especially a woman like Sheila Macrae, would attempt to herself off as a widow when she wasn't one."

"I know," said the traffic manager, temporizing a little. "Bu—on the other hand, I've never heard the man, or any one else, say outright that she was a widow. It seems to be just taken for granted. It stirred me up a bit on Van Britt's account. You don't go anywhere to mix and mingle socially, but it's the talk of the town that Upton is in over his head in that quarter."

Jimmie is forced to play eavesdropper.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

ISLANDS FOUND BY SPANIARD

Solomons, in the Southern Pacific, Were Discovered in 1567 by Alvaro de Mendana.

The Solomons Islands, in the south

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LOCAL NEWS

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JULY 21

Miss Pauline Fehr has been ill at her home.

Frank Tetu was in West Branch over Sunday.

Harry Reynolds spent Sunday in East Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Smith motored to Cadillac Saturday returning Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Love of West Branch visited with Mrs. Ada Knight Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Laura Thompson, of Twining, Mich., teacher in our schools is in the city visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Dunham and children are visiting with relatives in Sterling and Detroit.

Mrs. Holger Schmidt returned home Wednesday from Detroit after a week's visit with friends.

Misses Marguerite and Genevieve Montour are visiting relatives in Standish for a week or so.

William Green spent the week end in Bay City attending the Grotto Encampment at Wenona Beach.

The world is filled with failures who think everybody is against them, but who failed because they were given certain tasks to perform and went joy-riding instead of performing them.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanson returned Friday from a three week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Campbell in Mt Pleasant. While there the parties made visits to many cities in Central Michigan.

Frank Fitzgerald has returned to Sherman, Mich., after a visit with his parents here. His brother, Jackie Fitzgerald, who is also in Sherman for the summer came home the latter part of the week for a visit.

GIFTS THAT LAST

We like to Please
the Visitors to
Our Town

by supplying standard lines which
are the same here, at your home store
and everywhere. One of the most useful
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**Waterman's
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You, very likely, think of getting one every time you are going away, but just haven't. We will take particular care to fit your hand perfectly if you will call and select a pen from our stock of either the Regular, Safety or Self-Filling type of Waterman's Ideal.

Andrew Peterson
WE GUARANTEE EVERY ARTICLE WE SELL

The Post Office building is being nicely repainted.
Good music at Michelson Memorial church next Sunday at 10:30. Come.

Mrs. John Matthiesen left Monday for Bay City to be gone for a few days.

Daniel Hoessli is moving his large barn further to the rear of his lot at his home.

Boyd J. Funsch and Conrad Wehnes of Eldorado were business callers here Wednesday.

Mrs. Walter Nadien is spending a few days in Detroit leaving for that place Sunday night.

Miss Ruth Brenner is taking a week's vacation from her duties at the Grayling Mercantile Co. store.

The fine rains of the last few days have done wonders for crops. Everything is growing "to beat the band."

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Larson and Miss Margaret Larson are resorting at the Danish Landing at Lake Margrethe.

Miss Minnie Daugherty returned Saturday from a two weeks' vacation spent in Detroit, Flint and at Point Lookout.

Be on hand next Sunday at 10:30 for service at the Michelson Memorial church. Last service before pastor's vacation.

Mr. Guy Bradley and children of Royal Oak are guests of Mrs. Bradley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tromble.

The Grayling Dowel and Tie Plug Co. have resumed operations after being closed down for a couple of weeks for repairs.

Beautiful lacey summer hats, large black hats, fine Milan sailor, going for less than cost at Cooley & Redson's.

Miss Beatrice Hoessli is spending a month in Bay City visiting her aunts, Mrs. John McClellan and Miss Blanche Blondin.

Next Sunday morning will be the last service before the pastor's vacation. Come to the Michelson Memorial church.

Mrs. Howard Bradley returned Tuesday afternoon from a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott at Gaylord.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred P. Hughes at Mercy hospital, Thursday morning. He has been named Roger Charles.

Dr. and Mrs. Claude Keyport entertained 18 ladies and gentlemen at dinner Thursday evening at Goodar's resort on the AuSable.

Miss Nettie Billings entertained her cousin, Miss Margaret Billings of Flint a few days last week. She returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lewis were hosts to a number of friends at a "beach roast" at their cottage at Lake Margrethe Monday evening.

Paul Marienthal spent a few days visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. M. Brenner. He returned to Chicago Monday afternoon.

Alden Maynard of Bay City who has been visiting his aunts, Mrs. J. A. Cramer and Mrs. Adam Gieske returned to his home Saturday afternoon.

During Mr. Bailey's absence if there are any farmers desiring arsenic for grasshopper poisoning they may get it by applying to M. A. Bates, Grayling.

Emerson Bates returned home Tuesday morning from Pontiac after a couple of weeks' visit with his sister Mrs. Benjamin Jerome and family.

Mrs. D. M. Howell entertained a few ladies Saturday afternoon in honor of her mother, Mrs. Sexton of Marshfield, Wis., and sister, Mrs. Grier of Milwaukee.

James McNeven is taking a week's vacation from his duties as delivery man at the Salling Hanson Co. store and with his family made a trip to Boyne City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and son Casper of Flint, who are visiting the McNeven families in Grayling, spent a part of last week guests of Mr. Smith's parents in Gaylord.

Mr. and Mrs. True Alexander and children motored through from Onondaga visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alonso Collens for a couple of days. Mr. Alexander is a brother of Mrs. Collens.

W. E. McCallough left Sunday night for Detroit after spending a couple of weeks at Lake Margrethe. His family will remain for a longer visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCullough.

Miss Kate Morvin of Austria, Hungary, arrived in Grayling and is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Starnach. She is a niece of the latter and expects to remain in this country.

Mr. and Mrs. William Russell and daughter Betty Jane of Bay City stopped over night at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schreck enroute to Newberry to visit Mr. Russell's parents.

Frank Freeland, W. A. McNeal, Julius Jensen, P. L. Brown and Phil Moran attended the Grotto encampment in Bay City the latter part of the week. They motored through in Mr. Freeland's auto.

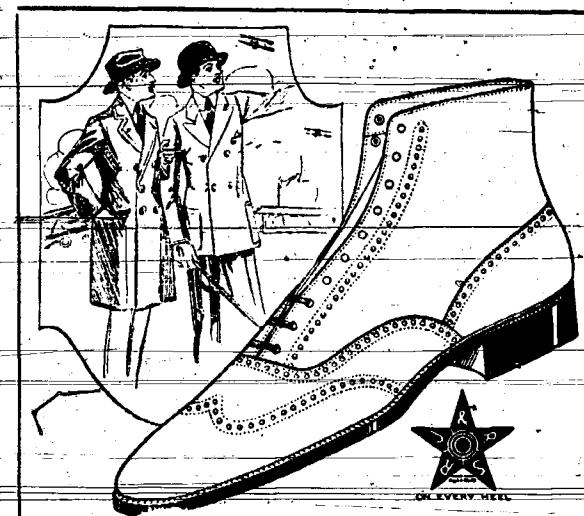
Miss Irene Green returned Tuesday to her home in West Branch after visiting Miss Gladys Clark for a couple of weeks. Miss Gladys accompanied her to West Branch to visit for the remainder of the week.

See "Out of the Shadows" at the Grayling Opera House Thursday and Friday nights this week. It is instructive and the Womans club requests that you do not miss this opportunity of seeing a film which is in great demand.

Mr. Andrew Smith entertained a number of ladies Tuesday afternoon of last week in honor of Mrs. Charles Peterson of Los Angeles Calif., and Mrs. Frank Smith of Flint. Both ladies were old schoolmates of Mrs. Smith attending the Grayling schools. Mrs. Smith in those days was known as Miss Augusta Olson, Mrs. Peterson as Miss Alice Croteau and Mrs. Smith as Miss Mary McNeven. The afternoon brought back memories of by-gone days, and was much enjoyed by those present.

Another Drop in Shoe Prices

WE HAVE just unpacked some New Fall Shoes and glad to state prices are lower. Accordingly, we have reduced prices on all shoes on hand to correspond to the new price level. You will be surprised at the reductions.



We have several lots of men's Dress and Work Shoes, one and two pairs of a kind, left from our special 1-4 off sale which we have placed on sale at less than cost.

25c Percales, 36 inches wide, light or dark colors, 20c
25c Dress Ginghams, 20c
40c Dress Ginghams, 30c
1/4 OFF ON ALL VOILES
Dark or light colors—plain or fancy

1/4 off on all Men's Straws and Panamas.

1 lot Men's Caps, \$1.00 and \$2.00 values, 75c.

Grayling Mercantile Company

THE QUALITY STORE

NOTICE

Laws relative to the operation of motor vehicles in the State of Michigan will be strictly enforced in the Village.

By order of:
Village Council.

NOTICE

All firemen under the supervision of the Fire Chief in the handling of the fire apparatus at all fires are instructed to obey all orders given by Fire Chief.

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THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE
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Thursday Evening, July 28, on the
Joseph-Kraus Lawns.

Don't forget the lawn fete to be given on the Joseph-Kraus lawns Thursday evening, July 28.

There will be home talent vaudeville, costume dancing and many other attractions, besides the Lewis Orchestra. There will be an admission charge of 25c for adults and 15c for children. Those desiring tables will be charged 25c per couple. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Olaf Michelson and at Lewis' Drug store. There will be plenty of comfortable seats free for those not wanting to sit.

Don't forget the lawn fete at the Joseph-Kraus lawns Thursday evening, July 28. Everybody welcome. Refreshments, music and entertainment.

The gate will open at 8:00 o'clock.

Everybody welcome. The proceeds of the fete will go into the civic fund of the Woman's club.

STATE NEWS

Port Huron—The Sarnia and Port Huron Loyal Grange lodges held a celebration in London, Ont.

Houghton—Michigan College of Mine alumni will gather in Houghton Aug. 5 and 6 for their annual reunion.

Mancelona—George A. Thomas of near Bellaire was arrested for the fifth time, charged with carelessly letting a forest fire run.

Holland—Lambert Kraai, 65 years old, a farmer near Zeeland, hanged himself in his barn. He was possessed with the idea that the devil was after him.

Muskegon—The crews at four coastguard stations on the east side of Lake Michigan, including White Lake, Penwater and Sleeping Bear point have been reduced to two men.

Hillsdale—Glen Giaquie, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Giaquie, of this city, was drowned at Sand Lake about four miles from the city. The body was recovered 45 minutes after he went down.

Flint—Rationed ice may be necessary in several cities in southwestern Michigan. Last winter's scant harvest has been greatly reduced by the drain on it caused by the prolonged heat.

Petoskey—Petoskey police, Sheriff Purple and Petoskey's bloodhound are assisting Sheriff Weaver, of Charlevoix, in the search for Frank Trombley, a Marion youth held in jail for burglary, who escaped through the ventilator.

Monroe—Mrs. James Wagner, 21, of Dundee, was drowned in six feet of water in the River Raisin while bathing with her sister, Mabel Brundt, and a brother. The brother narrowly escaped drowning in an attempt to save her.

Menominee—Throwing his two-year-old child from his lap to safety from the front seat of his automobile when he saw danger ahead, Abraham Goodman was killed as his car skidded into a deep ditch and overturned. The child was little hurt.

Muskegon—The business depression has caused an epidemic of desertion and non-support cases in Muskegon. Such warrants have increased 500 per cent the last few weeks and in many cases the officers find that the husband, unable to find work, has gone to some other city.

Petoskey—DANIEL TRIPP, 30, pioneer member of this city's police force and for many years a close companion of "Buffalo Bill" Cody, Civil war veteran and Indian fighter, died in Petoskey. Tripp was a member of the posse organized to hunt down the Jesse James gang. He is survived by a widow and five children.

Manistee—In the death of John Patterson on his farm near Norwalk Manistee county lost the last of her early pioneers who broke the trail into the forests. He was 94 years old and came to Manistee 72 years ago. With his bride he built a log cabin on the land which had ever since been their home.

Flint—Another young man who listened to the wiles of Dan Cupid is in jail. Wilson Alexander, alleged to have married a girl under 16 years of age, swearing she was 18 when he secured the license, was arrested in Argentine township by sheriff's officers and arraigned on a perjury charge. His bail was fixed at \$500.

Charlotte—The Springfield council has decided to call a special election on three propositions on the lighting question. One is to build a line from Albion to Springfield; another is to place new equipment into the old electric light plant and run it continuously, and the other is the proposal from Riley Starks to buy and operate the present plant.

Bay City—Mrs. Catherine M. Smith, residing with her daughter, Mrs. John W. Combs, celebrated her ninetieth birthday anniversary by doing the family washing. She says she enjoys good health, due to proper development and care in girlhood and can do a day's hard work today with as little fatigue as she could half a century ago. She has lived here 65 years.

Kalamazoo—Harry Knowles, arrested on a charge of attempting to extort \$50,000 from Arthur Pratt, millionaire president of the King Paper company, through a blackmail letter, pleaded guilty when he was arraigned in circuit court and was sentenced by Judge George Welmer to from one to two years in Jackson state prison. The court moderated the sentence because of Knowles's youth. He only recently passed his nineteenth birthday.

Kalamazoo—Clarence L. Miller, since April 1 assistant manager of the city, has been made city manager, following the resignation of Harry Freeman, who had held the office for the last three years. Miller's election was only one in a number of important shifts in the personnel of the city's officials. Dr. W. E. Upjohn, president of the Upjohn Medical company and former mayor, tendered his resignation as a city commissioner, and Albert Ten Benschoter, former commissioner, was chosen to replace him.

Battle Creek—Though there have been numerous reports of infection, particularly of the eyes and skin of bathers, the city health department has announced that there will be no quarantine, as has been rumored. It would be established at Lake Coggon. Dr. A. A. Hoyt, health officer, considers the infection the natural result of too frequent fresh water baths, rather than due to a condition of impure water. As high as 3,000 have been in bathing while 16 hours at White Lake, the one bathing beach in the city, was used by the city.

FORD MAY BUY NITRATE PLANT

OFFERS TO PURCHASE MUSCLE SHOALS WORKS AND LEASE DAMS FOR 100 YEARS.

FORD ENGINEERS SURVEY PLANT

Leads to Proposal of \$5,000,000 Cash and \$1,500,000 Annual Rental for Site.

Washington—Secretary Weeks has announced that he would ask congress for authority to accept a proposal by Henry Ford for acquiring the government nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals, Ala., if the offer is found to be substantial after a study of its terms.

It is understood that the automobile manufacturer has offered \$5,000,000 for the nitrate plant and to lease the waterpower for 100 years at a price of \$1,500,000 a year. This property was created and developed by the government during the war at a cost of \$30,000,000. The plant is now idle.

This is believed by persons in the manufacturer's confidence to be part of the general program of development planned by Ford. In the last year Mr. Ford has acquired considerable timber standings in the upper peninsula and purchased the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton railway at a cost of several millions.

Mr. Ford proposes, it was said, to operate the government plant to manufacture commercial fertilizer and as an auxiliary plant for the manufacture of explosives in case of any emergency.

The proposal to the government was made following a complete survey of the Muscle Shoals property by Ford engineers. It generally is believed that if Ford procures the property an unprecedented supply of high-grade fertilizer will be made available to farmers throughout the United States. The gigantic Ford marketing plan would greatly facilitate the handling of the product.

CHANGES ACCOUNT OF DEATH

Higgins Testifies He Did Not See Poison in Lucy's Hand.

Corunna, Mich.—Forrest Higgins, on trial in circuit court here on the charge of murdering his sweetheart, Lucy Witten, whose death by carbolic acid last March he has pictured as suicidal, admitted on the witness stand during a grilling cross-examination, that he did not see the bottle containing the deadly poison. He had testified at the inquest that he had knocked the bottle from her hands but that the girl had again picked it up and swallowed the contents before he could interfere.

Higgins reiterated that not until the night of her death had Lucy revealed to him the knowledge of her approaching motherhood.

The trial, which has been in progress for over two weeks, is one of the longest on record here.

FLINT MAN IS NEW ELK RULER

Los Angeles Convention Choses Wm. W. Mountain for Leader.

Los Angeles—The fifty-seventh annual convention of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks selected Wm. W. Mountain, of Flint, Mich., as grand exalted ruler, succeeding W. M. Abbott, of San Francisco.

Other officers are: Fred C. Robinson, grand secretary; P. L. Brennan, Debonair, Tex., grand treasurer; James F. Duffy, Providence, R. I., grand esteemed leading knight; Fred A. Morris, Mexico, Mo., grand esteemed loyal knight.

Plans are being made to accommodate 15,000 visitors. A number of sensational features have been booked as part of the program. Mr. Downey says.

Lansing—William C. Brown, of Lansing; Ray Durham, of Detroit; and Samuel G. Beattie, of Detroit, all former deputies of the state industrial accident board, have been appointed commissioners of the newly created commission of labor and industry of the department of labor and industry.

They will handle industrial compensation work. Their salaries were placed at \$3,500. F. S. Johnson, of Wyandotte, was named secretary of the commission and Perry G. Ward, former deputy labor commissioner, was made special deputy to the commission.

N. Y. C. Insists Reported Slipping.

New York—Gross income of the New York Central Railroad Company for 1920 amounted to \$65,109,729, a decrease of \$6,198,766, according to the annual report. Net corporate income of \$13,734,688 showed a decrease of \$6,132,863. A surplus of \$1,256,356 for the year disclosed a shrinkage of \$6,132,863. The company's balance sheet reported current assets approximating \$158,500,000, including cash and special deposits of more than \$42,000,000.

Asks Probe of Organization.

Washington—Senator Keyes, Rep. of publican, Iowa, leader of the senate agricultural bloc, introduced a resolution proposing investigation of a national organization, described as one recently formed at Cincinnati to combat agricultural legislation with the support of trade organizations such as the United States chamber of commerce, the wholesale coal distributors association, cotton growers association, wholesale grocers association, millers national association and others.



MRS. LEONARD G. WOODS

Items Of Interest in World's News

O'Callaghan Returns to Cork.

London—Daniel O'Callaghan, Lord Mayor of Cork, has arrived in Cork from the United States.

Coblenz—Many members of the American Army of Occupation are suffering from "scorched hands," the result of their efforts to aid Germans in extinguishing forest fires near this city.

Greats Request For New Dress.

Chicago—"Please give me a pretty dress." For the first time in history a husband rejoiced at these words. This was the first thing Mrs. Ruth Holman said after being lost for a week, a victim of amnesia.

Army Resignations Coming Fast.

Washington—The army is being reduced by resignations from the enlisted personnel at the rate of 175,000 a month in the move to reduce the army to 150,000. The \$90 bonus and travel pay is inducing many retirements.

Kidnapped Earl Is Returned.

Cork—The earl of Bandon, who was kidnapped by Sinn Feiners early on the morning of June 21, was brought back to Ballyn by his captors. The aged earl, for whose safety there had been some concern at various times, was uninjured.

Motor Bandits Get \$19,000.

New York—Five robbers held up the cashier and assistant cashier of the Horton Ice Cream Co. outside the company's offices on East Twenty-fourth street and escaped in an automobile with \$19,000. The employees were starting for a bank with the money in a satchel.

Will Take Up Tax Revision.

Washington—A general tax revision bill will be reported from the House ways and means committee within two weeks after passage of the tariff bill, Representative Longworth, Republican, Ohio, a member of the committee, told the house during debate on the tariff bill.

Church Gets \$10,000 Estate.

Pontiac—Her entire estate of \$10,000 was left by Miss Grace Massie to church and benevolent work, divided into three trust funds for support of All Saints church here, aid of needy communicants of the church and aid of communicants in Detroit diocese suffering from tuberculosis.

Explosion Fatal to Officer.

London—E. J. Dickerson, chief officer of the American steamer *Storm King*, was brought ashore at Falmouth in a serious condition, and died shortly afterward. He sustained injuries from an explosion in the store room of the vessel while he was investigating the cause of a fire.

Shipbuilders Reduce Wages.

Philadelphia—Wage reductions effective August 1 or soon thereafter are planned in virtually every shipbuilding district along the Atlantic seaboard and the Gulf of Mexico, the administrative council of the Atlantic Coast Shipbuilders association was informed at its monthly meeting here.

Warm Weather Kills Fish.

Bay City—The shores of Saginaw Bay have been strewn with dead fish for several days. Commercial fishermen attribute it to the extreme warm water. A similar condition is reported at Houghton Lake, Roscommon County, where trout and whitefish, as well as the less valuable varieties are dying by the hundreds.

Balloon Escapes With Keys.

Lansing—While preparing to make observations of upper air currents at the East Lansing weather bureau, a pilot balloon escaped from its leash and as the tie-rope swept past D. A. Sibley, meteorologist, it became tangled in some manner about his keyring. When last seen the pilot balloon and the bunch of keys were many hundreds of feet in the air, sailing southwest.

Won't Disturb Liquor Stocks.

Washington—Customs officers have been instructed not to interfere with liquor stores on foreign vessels in the territorial waters of the United States pending a decision by the attorney general as to the legality of these stores. George Ashworth, supervisor of the customs service, announced. The attorney general has been asked to decide whether liquor stores are to be classed as illegal together with liquor cargoes in transit.

Three Problems Cited.

After a survey of more than

HARDING WANTS BONUS DELAYED

Asks Congress Not to Grant Compensation to Soldiers at This Time.

NATION CAN'T BEAR BURDEN

Executive in Address to Senate Declares If Congress Passes Contemplated Legislation It Would Imperil the Financial Stability of the Country.

"It is conceivable that only \$200,000,000 a year will be drawn annually from the treasury in the few years immediately before us, the bestrawed is too inconsequential to be of real value to the nation's defenders; and, if the exercise of the options should call for cash running into billions, the depression in finance and industry would be so marked that vastly more harm than good would attend."

Must Meet Obligations.

"Our government must undertake no obligation which it does not intend to meet. No government that will pay its bills, the exchange of the world testifies to that erroneous theory."

The President took his appeal personally to the senate and delivered a brief message in which he outlined in anything but glowing colors the economic and financial condition of the country today. He pointed out that the nation now is engaged in a mighty struggle toward restoration and he emphasized that this restoration can only be brought about by careful financing and reduced expenditures.

The President's message deals chiefly with the bonus question and the nation's finances, but the President took occasion to warn congress that there is "much confessed disappointment that so little progress has been made to the readjustment and reduction of wartime taxes," and urged early accomplishment of this.

President's Address.

The text of President Harding's message to the senate in part was as follows:

"Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

"There has come to my attention the pending unfinished business before the senate and it is an imperative duty to convey to you the probable effect of the passage at this time of the proposed act, providing for adjustment to our service men in the World war. If this measure could be made effective at the present time without disaster to the nation's finances and without hindrance to imperative readjustments of our taxes, it would present an entirely different question than that which is before you. In a personal, as well as a public manner, which ought to be a plight of good faith, I have commanded the policy of generous treatment of the nation's defenders, not as a part of any contract, nor as the payment of a debt which is owing, but as a mark of the nation's gratitude. Every obligation is to the disabled and dependent. In such reference as has been made to general compensation there has been a reservation as to the earliest consistent time for such action if it is taken. Even without such reservation, however, a modified view would be wholly justifiable at the present moment because the enactment of the compensation bill in the midst of the struggle for readjustment and restoration would blunder every effort and greatly impair the financial stability of our country."

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The American Legion

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LEGION OFFICER KNOWS NAVY

Edward Spafford, Chairman of Committee on Naval Affairs, Has Climbed the Ladder.

Edward Elwell Spafford, newly appointed chairman of the American Legion's committee on naval affairs, knows the United States navy on land and on sea as few other men do.

Born in Springfield, Vt., Mr. Spafford was educated at the public schools. He received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in 1901. Assigned to the ship Washington, he became gunnery officer; at that time he was the youngest officer in the navy to hold this position.

While the Washington was lying off Cape Hatteras a sailor was washed overboard in a heavy sea. Risking his life in the waves, Mr. Spafford plunged overboard and succeeded in rescuing the seaman. His bravery was recognized in a letter of commendation from the secretary of the navy. He rose to the rank of lieutenant commander.

In 1914 Mr. Spafford resigned from the navy to study law at Columbia university.

With the start of the war Mr. Spafford offered his services to his country and he was made a Lieutenant commander in the navy reserves corps. He served for a time as a member of the board of inspection and survey, which was in charge of the selection of ships to be purchased by the government. He directed the fitting out of the first 25 110-foot submarine chasers built for distance service and established a submarine chaser base at New London, Conn.

When the American navy became active in the Straits of Otranto, Mr. Spafford was sent to establish a submarine chaser base at Corfu, Greece, and later became chief of staff of that station. He was in charge of all operations and was on the first American submarine chaser which destroyed an enemy ship after locating it by the process of sound contact.

When the Austrians surrendered two battleships and two destroyers to the United States, Lieutenant Commander Spafford took them over. Later, he investigated the situation along the Dalmatian coast and made a special report on Plume to the American peace delegation at Paris. He received the Distinguished Service Medal.

Mr. Spafford is a member of Manhattan naval post of the American Legion in New York city.

SAYS NO MAN HER SUPERIOR

Bright-Eyed Sergeant and Vice-Commander of Post Bluffed Mr. Silver-Eagles.

Who else but a bright-eyed, smiling American girl could have gotten away with it?

Sergeant Minnie Arthur of the United States marine corps was on duty in a recruiting office in Indianapolis, Ind., during the war. The major in charge was nervous; a colonel from Washington was coming to inspect; everyone brushed up on rules of military courtesy. He walked the austere colonel. Sergeant Arthur remained working at her desk. Silver-eagles walked over to her desk and frowned.

"Um—ever get up when no one comes in the room, sergeant?" he growled.

"Yes, sir, sometimes," Miss Three Stripes replied.

"Um—and I suppose you salute your superiors, too, eh?"

Sergeant Arthur smiled sweetly—and then her eyes snapped.

"Sir, I've never seen a man yet who was my superior!"

And the colonel passed it off without a reprimand.

Miss Arthur, now vice-commander of Robert E. Konington post of the American Legion in Indianapolis, enlisted for four years and served 18 months. She is still in the reserve, drawing \$1 a month with which she buys hair nets. She is authority on Liberian golf and plays a good hand at "blackjack."

On the Square. We had quite a game up to the boarding house last night."

"Poker?"

"No. The landlady was going to lick one of the boys for not paying his board. I tried to check her, she jumped me, crowned him and told us both to move."

"Did you do it?"

"Chess."—American Legion Weekly.

Serial Notes for Members.
Fifty plots in Irving Park cemetery, Chicago, have been purchased by Irving Park post of the American Legion for the benefit of ex-service men who die in Chicago without relatives or friends to bury them properly.

To Errect Post Building.
The Rotary club of Olympia, Wash., has begun a campaign to raise \$25,000 to erect a building for the American Legion post of that city. On the first of the movement \$4,000 was con-

IS BUSY LEGION ORGANIZER

Vice Commander of Body in New York Perfects One of the Most Powerful Units.

Believing that the county organization is a vital part of the American Legion, William F. Deegan, first vice commander of the Legion in New York, has perfected in Bronx county one of the most powerful Legion units in the country.

Among the accomplishments of the Bronx county organization is the placing of bronze plaques on 900 trees as a memorial to the World war dead; employment provided for hundreds of ex-service men by the employment committee, and relief work and wounded veterans in New York city hospitals from the Legion's welfare committee.

Mr. Deegan, when asked to give some of his working principles, said: "I insist upon every post being represented at a county meeting held once a month. I visit every post at least once or twice a month, and for the benefit of Legionnaires have arranged for a legal committee to take up the principal troubles of the boys, without cost. I find that Legion men have absolute confidence in their officers, provided they know that they do not seek political office at their expense. To that end I make every effort to keep the organization free from men holding appointive offices."

"Personal contact with your post is absolutely necessary—telling them what is going on, listening to complaints and abolishing wherever possible parliamentary procedure, because delegates oftentimes will come to meetings and fear to speak on a subject which is vital to the interests of the organization, because they do not know whether they are in order."

During the war Mr. Deegan was attached to the staff of Gen. George W. Goethals and was assigned to inspect the army bases along the Atlantic coast and inland army depots. He was discharged a major in 1919.

LEGION MAN ON LONG HIKE

Sergeant Sylvester of Indiana is Scheduled to Walk 737 Miles to Boost Training Camps.

Former doughboys will reflect long upon the sad case of Sgt. Harley C. Sylvester, who likes the walking branch of the service so well that he—voluntarily agreed to hike an average of 18½ miles a day for 40 days to tell the pearly citry why they should learn to fight.

When Sergeant Sylvester is scheduled to cover 737 miles during the 40 days, he is visiting towns and cities in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. He carries light marching equipment and is the guest of his buddies in the Legion post along the dusty route.

The American Legion will assist in obtaining recruits for the citizens' military training camps, according to a resolution adopted by the military policy committee of the ex-service men's organization.

TRANSFERS PAY TO LEGION

Permanently Disabled Yank, Propped Up in Bed, Signs Over Bonus Check to Post.

A striking example of the gratitude of the nation's disabled veterans for those who have aided them in their hours of suffering has come to the attention of Lee C. Prentiss post of the American Legion in Fairmount, Minn.

Cletus Lappin, a young soldier severely wounded in the battlefields of France and

now in hospital, rated totally and permanently disabled, received a check in payment for the state bonus while taking treatment in a sanitarium at Fairmount.

Asking to be propped up in bed, Lappin indorse the slip, good for several hundred dollars, to the Prentiss post of the Legion. "When I needed help," said the boy who had given the best of his life to his country, "the Legion boys stood by me. Now I'm going to do my little bit to help them get those clubrooms they are after."

Where Ignorance is Bliss.

If you read more you would know more."

"Yes, and miss all the sensational news by getting rejected for jury duty."—American Legion Weekly.

Outings on Ferry Boats.

State Island ferry-boats will be used to provide outings for New York sick and disabled veterans of the World war this summer. Weekly excursion trips will be conducted under the auspices of the American Legion and its Women's Auxiliary.

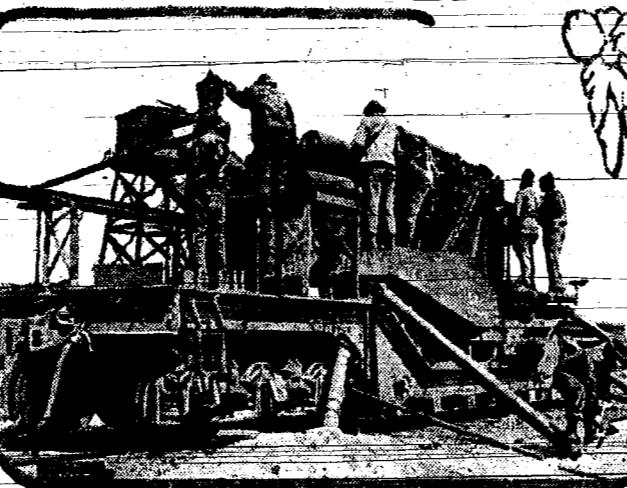
East Buys Church Building.
West Seattle (Wash.) post of the American Legion solved the housing problem by purchasing a church to be used as clubrooms.

"Victory Village" for French War Veterans



A view of one of the streets of "Victory Village" in the St. Cloud district on the outskirts of Paris, built for war heroes and their families exclusively. The village was built by public subscription and funds are being raised for similar villages throughout France.

TRYING THE NEW RAILWAY MORTARS



The second and ninth companies at Fort Tilden, Rockaway, N.Y., have engaged in target practice, using the new 12-inch railway mortars. This photograph shows one of the mortars being loaded.

WRESTLING WITH A LIVELY KANGAROO



Mrs. H. L. Willoughby of Philadelphia, who was formerly Miss Fuller of Milwaukee, is a real fisherlady. Down in Florida recently she caught a bass weighing 400 pounds, and which measured 5 feet and 8 inches.

PHOTOGRAPH PROVES IT



WINS PRIX DE ROME



The story of Frank Schwartz, twenty-six-year-old artist of Greenwich village, New York city, reads more like a novel or play than a real true account. For Schwartz, who was penniless and about to be dispossessed from his \$12-a-month "studio," is today the most talked of person in the world of art. He has won the most coveted of art awards, the Prix de Rome, which is a three-year fellowship in the American Academy of Art in Rome, carrying with it transportation expenses and an annuity of \$1,000 during the three-year course. Schwartz won the award with his painting "A Tribute to Herosism." He is a native of Chicago and studied art there, working in cheap restaurants in order to earn his meals and a dollar or two for lodgings. He is a war veteran, having served in France as a member of the camouflage section.

The use of tea frequent in Japan.

In Japan, tea is partaken of not only at meal time, but also at intervals throughout the day. The cups are very small, and neither milk nor sugar is used. The Japanese tea, unlike Ceylon or other teas, must not be made with boiling water or it will become very bitter, and the finer the quality of the tea the more attention must be paid to the temperature of the water used. In serving good tea the Japanese put a tablespoonful of tea in a small tea pot and pour hot (not boiling) water over it. It is then served in small cups. When the water in the pot is exhausted, more hot water is poured in, and in this way the tea can be used several times.

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GAROUANE PERSON UNPOPULAR.

Talkative people who wish to be loved are hated; when they desire to please, they bore; when they think they are admired, they are laughed at; they injure their friends, benefit their enemies, and ruin themselves.—Picard.

Dreaming of Bandits.

If they attack you, rely upon your own strength and vigor; if you attack them, beware that some misfortune does not overtake you; to see them, prosperity and riches.

SHIPPING BOARD OFFICIAL



C. W. E. L. W.

T. V. O'Connor, longshoremen's union, who recently was elected vice-president of the new shipping board. Mr. O'Connor is a resident of Buffalo, N. Y. He will have charge of the labor affairs of the board.

DANISH TRADE UNIONS.

The total number of workers organized in unions in Denmark was 900,016 at the end of 1919. Of these, 27,392 were affiliated with the association, as compared with 253,150 at the end of 1918. Of the affiliated organizations the growth of membership has been largest in the Danish General Workers' union, with an increase of 5,454; in the Textile Workers' union with 2,000; in the Municipal Workers' union with 1,628; the Smiths' and Machinists' union with 1,231; and the Railwaysmen's union with 1,202. Among the non-affiliated organizations the telephone workers record an increase from 3,209 to 5,300 members, the insurance clerks from 10,900 to 20,770. The Bricklayers' union shows a decrease in membership from 8,024 to 6,124.

Victory for Telegraphers.

The Order of Railroad Telegraphers won a victory before the United States Railroad Labor board when the board handed down a decision holding that its previous decision to terminate its control over the National agreements of the Order of Telegraphers with the carriers.

The labor board held it could not include in its decision any matter which was not properly before it as a dispute.

"Changes in such rules or agreements, however, may be made after the required notice either by a member of the parties or a member of this board after conference between both," the decision read.

Strikers Agreed to Arbitrate.

Striking employees of the Spanish Pulp and Paper company's mills at Sturgeon Falls and Espanola, Canada, notified their international union that they had decided to accept an arbitration proposal for settlement of the wage dispute that caused the plants to shut down May 11.

The company proposed selection of a board of seven, three to represent employees, three the employers and a seventh to be chosen as chairman by both sides. The board's findings will be retroactive.

STEEL STRENGTHENED BY OIL.

Cincinnati is one of six places in the world where steel is strengthened by being boiled in oil. At a plant in Carlisle, a steel shaft weighing 30,000 pounds, the largest piece ever subjected to the new method, has gone through the process of being strengthened. The great shaft was suspended in an upright furnace until heated to just below the melting point. A crane then picked it up and dropped it into the huge well of oil where it boiled and spouted, throwing out clouds of oily mist.

Puddlers' Wages Reduced.

Bimonthly settlement between the Western But Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Plate Workers resulted in another reduction in the rate of pay for puddlers and other hot iron workers.

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C. W. E. L. W.

Eastern wholesale fresh meat markets strengthen prices generally, but consumption, light production and prompt delivery still new crop meat offerings and prices unchanged. Alfalfa meal declined \$1.00 per ton, meal stocks and receipts and movement good.

Quoted: Bush \$13, middling \$13.50; Chicago \$12; Minneapolis \$12; Kansas City \$12; Omaha \$12.50; No. 1 Prairie \$11.50; Omaha \$12; Kansas City \$12; Chicago \$12; Minneapolis \$12; Kansas City \$12; Omaha \$12.

DETROIT QUOTATIONS.

FEED AND GRAIN.

WHEAT—Bush, No. 2 red, \$1.40; No. 2 white and No. 2 mixed, \$1.25; WHEAT, U.S.—Bush, No. 2, \$1.40.

WHEAT, OATS—Bush, No. 2, \$1.40; No. 3, \$1.25; No. 4, \$1.20; No. 5, \$1.10; mixed and prompt shipping, \$1.35 per bushel.

FEEDS—Cattle, \$3.75-\$4.25; hog, \$2.25-\$2.50; sheep, \$1.75-\$2.00; horses, \$1.50-\$1.75; mutton, \$1.25-\$1.50; fowls, \$1.00-\$1.25; lambs, \$1.00-\$1.25; fat lambs, \$1.25-\$1.50 per lb. July 11 Chicago prices: Hogs, top, \$1.10-\$1.20; bushels, \$1.00-\$1.10; live stock, \$1.00-\$1.10; bushels, \$1.00-\$1.10; feeder steers, \$3.75-\$4.25; light and medium cattle, \$2.25-\$2.50; light hogs, \$1.50-\$1.75; medium hogs, \$1.25-\$1.50; lambs, \$1.25-\$1.50; foals, \$1.00-\$1.25; yearlings, \$1.00-\$1.25; Eastern wholesale fresh meat markets strengthen prices generally, but consumption, light production and prompt delivery still new crop meat offerings and prices unchanged. Alfalfa meal declined \$1.00 per ton, meal stocks and receipts and movement good.

MEAT—Pork, No. 1, ham, \$1.50-\$1.75; No. 2, \$1.25-\$1.50; No. 3, \$1.00-\$1.25; No. 4, \$0.80-\$1.00; No. 5, \$0.60-\$0.80; No. 6, \$0.40-\$0.60; No. 7, \$0.20-\$0.40; No. 8, \$0.10-\$

Sherman-Williams

PAINTS

\$3.00 per gallon

When you use Sherman-Williams paints you know that you are using the highest quality that you can buy.

We have a miscellaneous supply of colors that we are anxious to close out; therefore we are willing to let them go at less than cost.

If you are planning any kind of painting, be sure and see our supply first. You will save money.

SALLING HANSON CO.

Hardware Department.

Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. BAILEY
County Agricultural Agent

LET'S GET BETTER ACQUAINTED.

Let's get better acquainted. Work together for better farming and increased income.

The County Agent's office is over the postoffice in Grayling. He is always there Saturdays, so farmers can find him. The rest of the time he is out in the country visiting farms.

There are many farm problems on which the county agent might do you some good. Give him a chance to talk them over with you, make his office your headquarters on Saturday. Write him letters. Read, every week, the Farm Bureau Notes that he writes for "The Avalanche," the only paper published in Crawford County. If you do not take the paper how can the county agent tell you every week the things he is trying to pass around? Some of these weeks you will miss in one of the county agent's articles, something that will be worth several years subscription. If every farmer in the county would take the Avalanche all the farmers and the county agent could talk together every week. Try it.

Yours very truly,
R. D. Bailey,
County Agent.

Mr. Bailey was called home first of the week by the illness of his mother. The latter passed away Tuesday. He accompanied the remains to Vermont for burial, and will return in a few days.

During Mr. Bailey's absence, if there are any farmers desiring an enema for grasshopper poisoning they may get it by applying to M. A. Bates, Grayling.

A SPLENDID MEDICINE FOR THE STOMACH AND LIVER.

"Chamberlain's Tablets for the stomach and liver are splendid. I never tire of telling my friends and neighbors of their qualities," writes Mrs. William Vollmer, Eastwood, N. Y. When bilious, constipated or troubled with indigestion, give them a trial. They will do you good. Advertisement.

CRAWFORD COUNTY GRANGE NOTES.

Crawford County Grange No. 934 held their second regular meeting of July last Saturday with a good attendance. Three new members were initiated in the first and second degrees and more names of applicants were accepted by ballot. A Dairy specialist from M. A. C. was with us and gave a fine talk on dairying and also told something of the plans of the dairy train that is to be in Grayling on the afternoon of August 8th and the forenoon of the 9th.

Let every farmer in Crawford County be out on these days. We must turn our attention to more dairy farming if we expect to succeed in this county. We must get out of the old rut and raise more corn, soy beans, alfalfa and sweet clover to build up our lands. I have 12 acres of soy beans that are looking fine.

The Grange is assured of some more speakers from M. A. C. but more farmers and others interested in agriculture should attend. Open meetings are held when we have a speaker with us and anyone is welcome to come.

Elmer E. Ostrander,
Master.

BILIOUSNESS AND CONSTIPATION.

"For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life miserable for me. My appetite failed me. I lost my usual force and vitality. Pepto preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I not tried Chamberlain's Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feeling at once, strengthen the digestive functions, helping the system to do its work naturally," writes Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingham, Ala. Advertisement.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC AND DIARRHOEA REMEDY.

Every family should keep this summer months. It is almost sure to be needed, and when that time comes, is worth many times its cost. Buy it now. Adv.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A special meeting of the Comittee Council of the Village of Grayling was held in the Court House Monday evening July 15th.

Meeting called to order by President George N. Olson. Trustees present: J. C. Burton, A. C. McIntyre, H. E. Simpson, C. A. Canfield and Frank Sales. Trustees absent: A. L. Roberts.

Resolved that whereas this body has entered on the minutes of the proceedings of its sessions an entry of the regular meeting of July 11, 1921. Wherein it appears from said record that said meeting was held elsewhere than within the corporate limits. And whereas said meeting may be declared void for the above reasons stated, therefore be it resolved that the said session and business transacted therein be and the same is hereby null and void and of no effect and that the said record be and is declared as such. Moved by Simpson and supported by Canfield that the resolution be and the same is hereby declared accepted and adopted. Yeas: J. C. Burton, H. E. Simpson, C. A. Canfield and Frank Sales. Nays: A. C. McIntyre. Resolution declared adopted.

Petitions and applications for the office of Fire Chief and Warden were read by President George N. Olson. A ballot ordered. Number of votes cast five, of which Jerry Sherman received three, and Frank Sprague received two. Jerry Sherman was declared elected Fire Chief and Warden.

Moved and supported, that the minutes of last regular meeting be spread at this special meeting and so published and entered as minutes of this special meeting.

To the President and members of the Common Council of the Village of Grayling: Your committee on Finance, Claims and Accounts respectfully recommends that the accompanying bills be allowed:

1. Todd Wilkes, labor on band stand \$ 33.15
2. A. M. Lewis, supplies 27.22
3. Sorenson Bros. supplies 4.30
4. L. J. Kraus, supplies 15.42
5. M. C. R. K. Freight on twelve drums of calcium chloride 17.16
6. Bridges and Diltz, work on silent police 50.00
7. Grayling Electric Co., service for May and June and labor on silent police 291.40
8. Dow Chemical Co., two tons of calcium chloride 68.00
9. F. R. Deckrow, supplies for fire truck 15.30
10. Louis LaMotte, burying five cats 5.00
11. Harvey Wheeler, hauling lumber for fire truck 1.50
12. Floyd Jennings, labor fire truck 20.70
13. William Duclos, labor on fire truck and hose house 92.00
14. William Duclos, fire reports 51.00
15. O. P. Schumann, fire insurance on house house and parapheonalia 20.40
16. Salling Hanson Co., lumber 54.81
17. Julius Nelson, pay roll, ending June second 108.50
18. Julius Nelson, pay roll, ending June eleventh 45.63
19. Julius Nelson, pay roll, ending June eighteenth 45.50
20. Julius Nelson, pay roll, ending June twenty-fifth 27.00
21. Julius Nelson, pay roll, ending July ninth 37.00
22. George N. Olson 26.63
C. A. Canfield, Committee.

Moved and supported that the accompanying bills be allowed and an order be drawn on the treasurer for the same. Motion carried.

Moved and supported that lots No. 5 and No. 6 of block 7 Koffee's addition be sold to the Village of Grayling for \$100 per lot. Yeas: Roberts, at fifty dollars per lot. Yeas: Roberts, at fifty dollars per lot.

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